

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of Ohio

In the Matter of the Search of

USPS Priority Mail Express parcels EE 318 626 456 US and
EE 2058367459 US addressed to "Margret Murry, 8861
Woodside Street NW, Canal Winchester, OH 43110"

Case No.

2:19-mj-489

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property

USPS Priority Mail Express parcels EE 318 626 456 US and EE 2058367459 US addressed to "Margret Murry, 8861 Woodside Street NW, Canal Winchester, OH 43110"

located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

A quantity of a controlled substance and/or proceeds which are evidence thereof, and/or contraband, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 843(b).

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

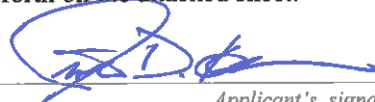
- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☒ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section	Offense Description
21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1)	Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
21 U.S.C. 843(b)	Prohibited use of a communication center (U.S. Mail)

The application is based on these facts:

As set forth in the attached Affidavit of Postal Inspector Justin D. Koble

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.☐ Delayed notice of _____ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Applicant's signature

Justin D. Koble, U.S. Postal Inspector

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date:

June 21, 2019



Judge's signature

City and state: Columbus, Ohio

Hon., Elizabeth A Preston Deavers, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF:

USPS Priority Mail Express parcels
EE 318 626 456 US and EE 2058367459 US
addressed to "Margret Murry, 8861 Woodside
Street NW, Canal Winchester, OH 43110"

Case No. 2:19-mj-489**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, Justin D. Koble, Postal Inspector, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I have been a U.S. Postal Inspector for the past 4 years, enforcing federal mail and drug laws; currently assigned to Columbus, OH. I have received training at the U.S. Postal Inspection Service National Training Seminars for mail-related criminal investigations and have investigated cases with other federal, state, and local police units.
2. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is aware that drug traffickers have been using Priority Mail Express, a business-oriented service offered by the United States Postal Service (USPS), to transport controlled substances and transfer funds, cash or otherwise, to further their enterprises. As a result of past investigations and prosecutions, the Postal Inspection Service has determined that a number of indicators can be used to identify packages containing contraband that have been entered into the Priority Mail Express network. Inspectors routinely review shipment documents and Priority Mail Express parcels originating from or destined to drug source areas to identify instances where there is a possibility of drug trafficking.
3. On June 20, 2019, U.S. Postal Inspectors identified the USPS Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EE 318 626 456 US, hereinafter "Subject Parcel #1" and the Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EE 205836759 US, hereinafter "Subject Parcel #2 (collectively the "Subject Parcels") which were believed to contain narcotics due to an ongoing investigation of narcotics being shipped from California to Central Ohio. U.S. Postal Inspectors identified these as suspect drug parcels based on several characteristics, including but not limited to type of mail, origin, destination, and size.
4. On June 20, 2019, U.S. Postal Inspectors took custody of the Subject Parcels which were observed to be addressed to "Margret Murry, 8861 Woodside Street NW, Canal Winchester, OH 43110," with a return address of "Dlugos Construction Company Inc, 305 E Third St, Suite 228, Los Angeles, CA 90013". The Subject Parcels are brown cardboard boxes each measuring approximately 6 ½" x 6 ½" x 33". The Subject Parcels were each determined to weigh approximately 7 pounds 9 ounces.
5. USPS records indicate Subject Parcel #1 was mailed from the Los Angeles, CA 90013 Post

Office on June 19, 2019 at approximately 9:25 am. PDT. Subject Parcel #2 was mailed from a contract postal unit located at 3010 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010 at approximately 9:43 am PDT. These two facilities were determined to be approximately 1.4 miles and 9 minutes apart.

6. On June 20, 2019, checks of USPS, law enforcement, and open-source databases were conducted to determine the validity of the recipient name and address indicated on the Subject Parcels, "Margret Murry, 8861 Woodside Street NW, Canal Winchester, OH 43110,". According to USPS databases, 8861 Woodside Street is a valid address in the 43110 zip code however checks of law enforcement databased were unable to associate the name "Margret Murry" to the address.
7. On June 20, 2019, checks of USPS, law enforcement, and open-source databases were conducted to determine the validity of the return name and address indicated on the Subject Parcels "Dlugos Construction Company Inc, 305 E Third St, Suite 228, Los Angeles, CA 90013". According to USPS databases, 3445 N 301st Dr is a valid address in the 90013 zip code. The business name "Dlugos Construction Company Inc" was not found to be associated with the address.
8. Your affiant knows that in the past, drug traffickers have used fake names at legitimate addresses to receive parcels containing illegal narcotics, and have used non-existent addresses or addresses belonging to others for the sender/return address, in an attempt to legitimize the shipment in the event that the parcel is seized by law enforcement officers. Additionally, California is a known source area for shipment of illegal narcotics to Central Ohio as well as other areas of the United States.
9. On June 20, 2019, Postal Inspectors contacted Officer Brian Carter, Columbus Division of Police, who is the handler for "Odja," a drug detection dog most recently certified by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Council for the detection of hashish, cocaine, "crack," heroin, and methamphetamine. K-9 "Odja" has had 200 hours of training at Gold Shield Training Kennels, Blacklick, OH, a well-established and regarded training facility for police canines. Both in training and actual deployments, K-9 "Odja" has successfully detected narcotics; demonstrating clear, positive, aggressive (scratch) alerts, establishing himself as a highly reliable police dog.
10. The Subject Parcels were hidden among other parcels, and K-9 "Odja" was allowed to search the entire area. Officer Carter concluded that K-9 "Odja" did alert positively and independently to each of the Subject Parcels. Based on that alert, Officer Carter concluded that the odor of one of the drugs that K-9 "Odja" is trained and certified to detect was present.
11. Based on the information contained herein, your affiant maintains there is probable cause to believe that the USPS Priority Mail Express parcels bearing tracking numbers EE 318 626 456 US and EE 2058367459, contains controlled substances and/or contraband, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 843(b). Based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, I submit that there is probable cause to believe that controlled substances are being concealed in the parcels, and seek the issuance of a warrant to search the parcels for

controlled substances to be seized.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin D. Koble, United States Postal Inspector

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 21st, 2019.



Honorable Elizabeth A. Preston Deavers
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

